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SUBJ: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF OMVS OFFICIALS

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1. AS DAVID MCADAMS REPORTED IN REFTEL JULY 12 AND AS FERMINO SPENCER AWARE FROM TELECONS, OMVS SEC GEN OULD AMAR AND PRES OF OMVS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (MIN LAMINE KEITA OF MALI) DEPARTING FRIDAY FOR US. DURING THIS TRIP THEY WISH CONSULT WITH TOP STATE AND AID OFFICIALS REGARDING US ASSISTANCE TO OMVS. WHEN WE LEARNED JUST WITHIN LAST COUPLE DAYS OF TRIP, MCADAMS ENDEAVORED TO PERSUADE OULD AMAR TO POSTPONE VISIT DUE TO EXPECTED ABSENCE DR ADAMS FROM WASHINGTON.

2. OULD AMAR CALLED ME THIS MORNING, AFTER MCADAMS DEPARTURE, TO PROPOSE NEW FORMULA FOR CONSULTATION AND SEEK MY INTERVENTION AND THAT OF AMB MURPHY. SINCE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY A MINISTER, OULD AMAR REQUESTS THAT THEY BE RECEIVED BY ADMINISTRATOR HANNAH AND OR ASST SEC NEWSOM FOR BRIEF PROTOCOL CALL. THEY WOULD THEN BE CONTENT TALK SPECIFICS WITH SPENCER, MCADAMS AND OTHER EXPERTS.

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3. I TOLD SECGEN FRANKLY THAT WITH SO LITTLE ADVANCE NOTICE, AND GIVEN TRAVEL PLANS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON I COULD NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCE OF AVAILABILITY OF THOSE REQUESTED, EVEN ON PROTOCOL BASIS. OULD AMAR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, BUT REQUESTED I AT LEAST RELAY REQUEST. STATED THAT DELEGATION MUST PROCEED US IN ANY EVENT FRIDAY FOR MEETINGS WITH UN GROUP IN NEW YORK AND PROBABLY WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON. IF THEY CANNOT SEE PROPER STATE AND AID OFFICIALS THEY WILL ACCEPT THIS FACT AND PROCEED TO OTHER DESTINATIONS. BUT, IN SPIRIT OF LETTER EXCHANGE BETWEEN PRES NIXON AND PRES OULD DADDAH, HE HOPED PROPER SEQUENCE COULD BE ARRANGED.

4. AGAIN WARNING OULD AMAR OF DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED MEETING THEIR REQUEST, I STATED FURTHER MORE THAT I WAS NOT RPT NOT AT ALL SURE WE COULD OBTAIN RESPONSE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TOMORROW. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD BUT REQUESTED MESSAGE, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, BE LEFT WITH EITHER AMBASSADOR OF MAURITANIA OR AMBASSADOR OF MALI IN WASHINGTON.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TRIED TO SLOW DOWN THIS PRECIPITOUS MOVE, WE PRESENTED WITH SOMETHING OF FAIT ACCOMPLI AT LEAST IN DELEGATION DECISION TO MAKE TRIP IN ANY EVENT. IN INTEREST OF IMPORTANT WORKING RELATIONS WITH OMVS I HOPE DELEGATION'S SENSE OF PROTOCOL CAN BE ASSUAGED SOMEHOW WITHOUT PLACING ANY UNDUE PRESSURE ON ALREADY PRESSURED HIGH OFFICIALS. IF THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT TOO MUCH DISRUPTION, I FURTHER HOPE AID/W CAN ALSO ARRANGE USEFUL SUBSTANTIVE MEETING.
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